

*From long article on Carter transition plans*

#### What Watson Prepared

President Kennedy quickly made two major appointments after his election in 1960, but took until mid-December to complete his Cabinet appointments even though he had the advantage of a transition study prepared for him by Clark M. Clifford, a former aide to President Truman.

But the 22-page transition memorandum handed to Mr. Kennedy by Mr. Clifford two days after the election was a modest effort compared with the extensive studies and options papers prepared for Mr. Carter by his transition group.

Today, Mr. Watson, the trim and personable head of the transition study group had prepared for Mr. Carter:

■ A 25-page agenda for the transition period.

■ A 45-page personal memo, "Some Thoughts on organizing the Executive Office of the President," analyzing the function and possible reform of the senior White House staff, Office of Manpower and Budget, Council of Economic Advisors, and the Office of National Security Affairs.

■ A 50-to-60-page document analyzing the relationships among Cabinet officials and heads of such other major agencies such as the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Reserve Administration, and recommending ways of appointing senior officials in "teams" so that the officeholders would work well together.

■ An 80-page analysis of the budgets being prepared and submitted for fiscal years 1977 and 1978 by President Ford "to give us a headstart," Mr. Watson explained, toward having Mr. Carter submit some budget modifications of his own soon after taking office.